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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 422,400 IN NOVEMBER

s a result of continued gains in the Manufacturing sector, hode Island's overall establishment employment rose for he fourth consecutive month, reaching a new record high vel of 422,400 in November, reported John S. Renza, irector of the Rhode Island Department of Employment ecurity.

ccording to preliminary estimates prepared by the Depart- ent of Employment Security, in cooperation with the .S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, hode Island's current employment total represents an in- ease of 400 jobs from the October level and is 2,100 igher than the November 1984 figure of 420,300.

MANUFACTURING

otal Manufacturing employment increased by 300 jobs om October to November. Nevertheless, the current gure of 121,100 is 1,900 below the year ago level of 23,000. In the Durable Goods category, the November mployment total of 82,600 was up 300 compared to the revious month, but was 1,600 less than the figure reported year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods pro- ucing industries rose 100 in the October-November period o a level of 38,500, but was down 300 from the November 984 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, the most substantial nonthly job gain was recorded in Jewelry,Silverware (+300), followed by upturns in Fabricated Metals (+200) nd the Miscellaneous Manufacturing industry (+100). At the same time, employment in Transportation Equip- ent decreased by 200, while Nonelectrical Machinery jobs ere down 100, primarily the result of a labor dispute. he remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change rom last month. On an annual comparison, the largest

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SEASONS GREETINGS
AND A WORD OF THANKS
TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

John S. Renza, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and worker earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of Employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs. To all, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road Middletown,	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.	
Employer Services	277-3573
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road	294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.	231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-7550
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WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
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OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK	277-3588
or	Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN	Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1985-P	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Total Placements	1,760	1,727	1,720
New Applications	3,017	3,571	4,003
New Openings Rec'd.	2,168	2,980	2,469

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	% Change Oct. 1985
Initial Claims	7,915	7,096	+ 11.5
No. of Payments	38,653	45,169	- 14.4
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,406,964	$4,884,157	- 9.8
Exhaustions	754	719	+ 4.9

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally financed, are presented below:

	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985
Initial Claims	0	1
No. of Payments	350	458
Amount of Payments	$ 7,208	$ 9,466

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	508.8	509.4	494.7
Unemployment	20.3	19.2	23.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.8	4.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.7	4.5	5.7

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	340.9	338.6	330.2
Unemployment	12.4	12.6	13.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	3.7	4.1

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	138.5	139.1	136.9
Unemployment	6.8	7.7	6.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.9	5.5	5.0

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	42,555	43,505	40,240
Unemployment	1,225	1,050	1,220
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.9	2.4	3.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 18-22, 1985

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	10,404	100.0
Men	5,635	54.2
Under 45	4,211	74.7
45 and over	1,424	25.3
Women	4,769	45.8
Under 45	2,705	56.7
45 and over	2,064	43.3
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	784	7.5
Manufacturing	5,090	48.9
Public Utilities	288	2.8
Wholesale and Retail	1,744	16.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	240	2.3
Service	1,664	16.0
All Other	594	5.7
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,744	16.8
Clerical and Sales	1,761	16.9
Service	960	9.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	112	1.1
Processing	288	2.8
Machine Trades	1,568	15.1
Bench Work	1,376	13.2
Structural Work	1,216	11.7
Miscellaneous	1,040	10.0
INA	339	3.2

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	422.4	422.0	420.3	+ 400	+ 2,100
MANUFACTURING	121.1	120.7	123.0	+ 400	- 1,900
NONMANUFACTURING	301.3	301.3	297.3	-	+ 4,000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.8	14.2	12.5	- 400	+ 1,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.1	14.2	14.0	- 100	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	91.8	91.2	90.6	+ 600	+ 1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	24.0	23.9	23.3	+ 100	+ 700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	91.4	92.0	88.3	- 200	+ 1,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	66.2	66.7	68.6	-	- 400

1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES					
	IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.1	120.7	123.0	+400	-1900	$ 315.34	$298.82	40.9	40.6	$ 7.71	$ 7.36
DURABLE GOODS	82.6	82.4	84.7	+200	-1600	314.61	302.09	40.7	41.1	7.73	7.35
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 100	340.98	312.70	40.4	42.2	8.44	7.41
STONE/CLAY/GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	100	385.56	372.53	40.8	41.3	9.45	9.02
PRIMARY METALS	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 100	379.01	354.83	42.3	41.5	8.96	8.55
FABRICATED METALS	9.4	9.2	9.4	+200	0	273.60	264.62	40.0	40.4	6.84	6.55
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1*	6.2*	6.2*	100	100	421.67	411.45	44.2	44.1	9.54	9.33
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	11.9	12.7	0	800	295.00	285.34	40.3	41.9	7.32	6.81
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.9	10.2	200	500	421.06	429.27	40.8	42.4	10.32	10.03
INSTRUMENTS	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	100	314.49	320.01	42.1	44.2	7.47	7.24
JEWELRY/SILVERWARE	24.1	23.8	24.7	+300	600	251.69	225.04	40.4	38.6	6.23	5.83
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.5	5.2	+100	+ 400	226.12	229.74	33.8	34.6	6.69	6.64
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.5	38.3	38.8	+100	300	315.65	289.25	41.1	39.3	7.68	7.36
FOOD/BEVERAGE	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	400	246.68	251.25	36.6	38.3	6.74	6.56
TEXTILES	10.7	10.8	10.9	100	200	313.88	299.69	41.3	39.8	7.60	7.53
APPAREL	3.5	3.4	3.3	+100	+ 200	267.86	242.38	41.4	40.6	6.47	5.97
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	100	270.00	258.46	40.0	39.4	6.75	6.56
PRINTING/PUBLISHING	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0	427.49	403.52	39.4	38.8	10.85	10.40
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	+ 300	425.43	407.26	42.5	41.6	10.01	9.79
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 100	331.69	287.78	42.2	39.1	7.86	7.36
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.0	5.1	+100	0	315.55	293.67	40.3	39.0	7.83	7.53
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	200	220.30	208.12	40.2	38.9	5.48	5.35

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employment increase in the Durable Goods category occurred in Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+400). Also up from their year ago totals were Lumber/Furniture and Primary Metals (+100 each). In contrast, the most sizable annual job declines were reported in Electrical Machinery (-800), Jewelry-Silverware (-600) and Transportation Equipment (-500). In addition, downturns of 100 each were posted in Stone/Clay/Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments. Employment in Fabricated Metals was unchanged from its year earlier level.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each occurred in Apparel and Plastics Products, while Textile jobs fell 100 from the prior month. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change for the October-November period. Compared to a year ago, payroll increases were registered in Chemical Products (+300), Apparel (+200) and Rubber Products (+100). Jobs in the Food-Beverage industry were down 400 from November 1984, followed by decreases of 200 each in Textiles and Leather Products. A decline of 100 workers was evident in Paper Products, while employment in Printing-Publishing and Plastics Products remained at their year ago levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments showed no change from October to November as pre-holiday hiring in the trade sector was offset by seasonal downturns in Contract Construction and Service. However, the November Nonmanufacturing total of 301,300 is 4,000 jobs above the year earlier employment level of 297,300.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade, at 91,800, recorded the largest monthly job gain (+600) primarily due to seasonal hiring; current Trade employment was also up 1,200 from the same month a year ago. Similarly, employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 24,000, posted a monthly increase of 100 and was 700 higher than the November 1984 figure. Total Government employment, at 58,200, was unchanged from the previous month, but was down 400 compared to a year ago. Contract Construction, at 13,800, and Service, at 99,400, showed monthly job decreases of 400 and 200, respectively. However, on an annual comparison, the former advanced 1,300 while the latter gained 1,100 jobs. Although Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls declined by 100 from October, the current job total of 14,100 is 100 above the year ago level.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose by 5 cents to $7.71 in mid-November; this represents a gain of 35 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.4 of an hour in November to 40.9 hours, which was also 0.3 of an hour more than the November 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers amounted to $315.44 in November, an increase of $5.11 from last month and a gain of $16.52 from November of last year.

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